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2. Channel Improvement the work on the widening of the channel in front of the Pilot Station continues slowly. a few workers with shovels digging in the area.

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the project would not be completed for two to three years. 20 newly constructed buoys stored across from the Harbor Office.

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4. Ships Under Repair at the end of the Holmbecken I Repair Yard a new freighter named CABO ORANGE or estimated seven-eight thousand deadweight tons. She flew the Polish flag at her stern.

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Polish freighter, M/V WARYNSKI, estimated eight thousand tons deadweight, occupied the place of the CABO ORANGE. The WARYNSKI departed subject port with the aid of two tugs to conduct engine trials off Hel Peninsula.

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the Polish tanker KASPROWY berthed in Holmbecken I for repairs. five tugs brought a medium or large floating dry dock from Stettin.

On the stern was written the port of registry: "SZCZECIN." The dry dock was berthed in the Kaszubski Canal, starboard side to Holmbecken I. the names of four of the five tugs towing the dry dock. They were SWAROZIA, S'WIATOWID, TUR, and ROSOMAK.

5. Naval Units four miles off Hel, anchored in column formation heading west, two light cruisers, one moderate sized troop transport, four destroyers, and six minesweepers.

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a small naval tanker [] enter subject harbor.

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a patrol-type vessel, [] depart from Kaszubski Canal and return each night. the following armament [] two small guns of 1" diameter forward, two small anti-aircraft guns aft, and, in the stern, 14 depth charges. seven to each side in lines of four below and three on top. [] the naval surveying ship KOZIOROZBEC entered subject port. [] an old submarine was berthed on the starboard side of the small pier at Sopot. Visitors were allowed on board. Submarine departed [] One naval tug named TUR was [] on several occasions in port. In the floating dry dock of the Gdansk Shipyard, [] two old submarines 150' in length.

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about three miles east of Christianso (Ertholms) Island, six East German troop landing ships were [] on maneuvers. [] The superstructures [] were amidships; the superstructures of the other four landing ships were astern.

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The ships were in groups of two, first [] on course 000°T; then they turned on course 090°T, thence to 170°T, and finally to course 180°T. These maneuvers were executed within a period of approximately 14 minutes. [] one East German DE and one DD off the coast of East Germany []

6. WOP Patrol Craft At Westerplatte Naval Base

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[] the WOP patrol craft [] enter port.

7. Soviet Bloc Merchant Vessels [] a Soviet tanker of 12-13 thousand deadweight tons in ballast on course 270°T west of the Kiel Canal at 54°N, 8°E. Informant gave the name of the Soviet ship as "Y/POPA." The Soviet freighter VOLGA was loading coal in subject port at the coal pier [] departed 27 Jun 59. Another Soviet freighter, ADAM MNUKEBNY, six thousand tons deadweight, was also loading coal at the coal pier []

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[] a large, new Soviet fish factory ship entered Kaszubski Canal. The Polish freighter WROCKAW loaded timber at the Timber Wharves [] Another Polish freighter, OLSZTYN, also loaded timber at the Timber wharves [] Destination of these two freighters was [] The Polish Liberty ship CHORZOW, [] loaded coal at the Coal Pier [] On the same day, the Polish tanker ORNAK berthed at the Baltic-American Petroleum Company to discharge, and the Polish freighter KOSCIUSZKO of the Chinese-Polish Shipping Corporation berthed [] to discharge iron ore from Yulin (Hainan), China. [] a quarter of the crew of the KOSCIUSZKO were Polish and the remainder were Chinese. [] on the quay from the Signal and Pilot Station to the Harbor Office and Elevator many cases of various sizes of general cargo which consisted principally of electrical equipment. []

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8. Miscellaneous

a. [] in the Gdanskolotnisko Station a military train of 15-20 cars entered Gdansk. Train contained soldiers, uncovered medium range guns of about 2" diameter, and covered guns which may have been howitzers loaded on open platform-cars. []

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[redacted] a medium or heavy Polish army tank which had the following characteristics: six sprockets of about 20" diameter, and forward a small sprocket of about 10" diameter. 16-18" breadth of track, gun about 9-12' with 3-4" diameter.

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Four crew members were visible.

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[redacted] portal jib cranes in the Basen Gogniczny which were used for iron ore and coal cargoes. [redacted] four cranes in the harbor

c. [redacted]

[redacted] three tugs in frequent use in subject port: TUR, STANISKAW, and MIROSKLAW.

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